

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please substitute the following clean copy text for the pending claims of the same number.

B1 1. (Once Amended) A system for reporting impending vehicle deliveries,
comprising:
memory storing a vehicle schedule, said vehicle schedule identifying packages
that are to be respectively delivered to a plurality of recipients by a vehicle during a first
time period and indicating an order that said vehicle is expected to deliver said packages;
a first communications device configured to establish communication with remote
communications devices; and
a system manager configured to analyze said vehicle schedule and to determine,
based on said order, a second time period that said vehicle is expected to deliver one of
said packages, said system manager further configured to transmit a notification message
for a respective one of said recipients of said one of said packages via said first
communications device, said notification message identifying said second time period,
wherein said second time period is within said first time period.

B2 ~~5. (Once Amended) A system for reporting impending vehicle deliveries,~~
~~comprising:~~
~~memory storing package data identifying a plurality of packages that are to be~~
~~respectively delivered to a plurality of recipients;~~
~~a first communications device configured to establish communication with remote~~
~~communications devices; and~~
~~a system manager configured to detect when one of said packages has been assigned to a~~
~~vehicle for delivery to one of said recipients, said system manager further configured to transmit~~
~~a notification message for a respective one of said recipients via said first communications~~
~~device at a time after a detection that said one of said packages for said one of said recipients has~~
~~been assigned to said vehicle is determined.~~

1 16. (Once Amended) A method for reporting impending vehicle deliveries, comprising
2 the steps of:

3 receiving a package for delivery to a premises of a recipient;

4 assigning said package to a vehicle;

5 detecting when said package is assigned to said vehicle;

6 producing a notification message based upon said detecting step; said notification
7 message indicating a time period in which said package is expected to be delivered at said
8 premises;

9 transmitting said notification message to a recipient communication device; and

10 transporting said package to said premises via said vehicle.

Please add the following new claims.

1 ~~10~~ 24. (Newly Added) A system for reporting impending vehicle deliveries,
2 comprising:

3 means for receiving a plurality of packages;

4 means for assigning each of said packages to a vehicle;

5 means for determining an order that said vehicle is to deliver said packages;

6 means for determining, based on said order, a first time period that said vehicle is
7 expected to deliver one of said packages to a recipient;

8 means for causing a notification message to be transmitted to said recipient, said
9 notification message indicating said first time period;

10 means for simultaneously transporting each of said packages via said vehicle; and

11 means for transporting said one package to a premises of said recipient via said vehicle.

1 ~~11~~ 25. (Newly Added) The system of claim ~~10~~ 24, wherein said notification message is
2 transmitted via an e-mail message.

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1 26. (Newly Added) The system of claim 24, further comprising:
2 means for determining whether each of said packages is expected to be delivered during a
3 second time period; wherein:
4 said packages are assigned to said vehicle based on an expectation of delivery
5 during said second time period; and
6 said first time period is within said second time period.

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1 27. (Newly Added) The system of claim 24, wherein said second time period is a day.

1 28. (Newly Added) A system for reporting impending vehicle deliveries, comprising the
2 steps of:

3 means for receiving a package for delivery to a premises of a recipient;
4 means for assigning said packages to a vehicle;
5 means for detecting when said package is assigned to said vehicle;
6 means for producing a notification message at a time after said package is detected, said
7 notification message indicating a time period in which said package is expected to be delivered
8 at said premises;
9 means for transmitting said notification message to a recipient communications device;
10 and
11 means for transporting said package to said premises via said vehicle.

1 29. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, further comprising:
2 means for scanning a label of said package and identifying said package based on said
3 label, wherein said means for detecting detects that said package has been assigned to said
4 vehicle based on whether said means for scanning has identified said package.

1 30. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, further comprising:
2 means for storing data indicating whether said package is assigned to a vehicle; and
3 means for analyzing said data, wherein a detection of said package being assigned to said
4 vehicle is based on an analysis of said data.

1 31. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, wherein said notification message is an e-
2 mail message.

1 32. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, further comprising:
2 means for determining when said vehicle is within a predetermined proximity of said
3 premises; and
4 means for transmitting a second notification message at a time after said vehicle is
5 determined to be within said predefined proximity.

1 33. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, further comprising:
2 means for indicating, via said notification message, a sender of said package.

1 34. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, further comprising:
2 means for indicating, via said notification message, a weight of said package.

1 35. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, further comprising:
2 means for maintaining a web page;
3 means for receiving contact information via said web page; and
4 means for utilizing said contact information to perform said transmitting step.

1 ~~36.~~ (Newly Added) The system of claim 4, wherein said notification message is
2 transmitted to a recipient remote communications device of said one of said recipients.

1 37. (Newly Added) The system of claim 11, wherein said first and second notification
2 messages are transmitted to a recipient remote communications device of said one recipient.